COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL

Monday, *the* *22nd of February 1932.* / *10th of Kumbham 1107.*

The House met at half past Eleven of the clock with the President in the Chair. Messrs. M. A. Chakko, K. G. Nayar, Joseph Pettah, M. Krishna Menon, A. I. Mani, K. T. Mathew, A. R. Menon and P. I. Varugis were absent.

Swearing in of new Members.

Messrs. K. P. Kannan Nayar, (Government Advocate and Law Officer) K. Krishna Pisharodi, (Comptroller of Accounts) and P. V. Raphael (Registrar of Panchayats) took and subscribed the oath of allegiance.

Opening Statement by the President.

President.—Hon'ble Members of the Legislative Council,—We meet to-day in a period of mourning and under the shadow of a great loss to the State. His Highness, the Ex-Raja, whose loss we are mourning to-day and the benefits which he conferred on the State during the period of his rule are too well-known to every Hon'ble Member of this House to require recapitulation from me. As a tribute of respect to His Highness' memory, the Leader of the House will move a Resolution of Condolence which will be seconded by the Hon'ble the Deputy President and I would then ask the Hon'ble Members to pass that Resolution standing. Then we will adjourn for the day.

Condolence Resolution.

His Highness the late Retired Maharaja of Cochin.

Rao Sahib Mr. T. V. Kasturi Ranga Ayyar.—I rise to perform the solemn duty, to me personally a sacred and religious duty, of moving the following Resolution:—

"This Council desires to express, with due respect, its deep sorrow at the irreparable loss sustained by the State by the lamented demise of His Highness Raja Sri Sir Rama Varmah, G. C. S. I., G. C. I. E., the retired Maharaja of Cochin, and its sincere sympathy with His Highness the Maharaja and other Members of the Ruling Family, and His late Highness' consort and children, in their sad bereavement."

No speech is necessary to commend this Resolution to the whole-hearted acceptance of this House; when the heart is full

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